

MOMENCE HISTORICAL CALENDAR 1986



Boat Pageant, 1939 Gladiolus Festival—right, first place winner Virgil Prairie; left, second place Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hess



The Momence Volunteer Fire Department with their new 1949 Ford pumper, a 1929 American LaFrance, and the 1924 Model T. Left to right, Si LeBeau, Doc Vining, Buck Jones, Walter Olaf, Claude Sherwood, Adolf Claussen, John Petersen, Bruce O'Cull, Clyde Cantway, Edson Petro, Lyeth Tabler, Kenny Turrell, Glen Moody, Dave Woods, Clyde Verhines.

—Elvin Butterfield Photo



A Conrad Bakery truck of 1939, freshly painted a creamy yellow, with the familiar logo "Known For Its Goodness." Many local people drove the bakery trucks over a number of years. The following list of drivers is thought to be correct.

Rollin Anstrom	Leo Denau	Ralph (Ike) Hall	Bob MacDonald	Stanley Ostrow	Clarence Sprimont	Howard Wheeler
John Auld	Garrett DeYoung	Ollie Hanson	Jerry Malone	Edson Petro	Carl Smedlund	Gordon White
Fred Balthazor	LeRoy DeYoung	John Illuni	Ezra Marquie	Doyle Powers	Floyd Storer	Ray Wille
Clifton Beasley	Claude Ewers	Ralph Jensen	Carl Mayo	Kernit Reams	Philip Taylor	
Frank Bishir	Roy Gedan	Andrew Kelson	Tony Mazur	Willard Rice	Bernard Thomas	
Homard Boudreau	Morris Guritz	Bertle Kelson	Robert Metz	Bill Schopf	Clyde Torp	
Gay Case	Ralph Gray	Roy Keller	Ernie Morse	George Searles	Jim West	
Bill Cole	Warren Gray	Clyde Kurtz	Larry Musson	Don Shephard	George Wheeler	

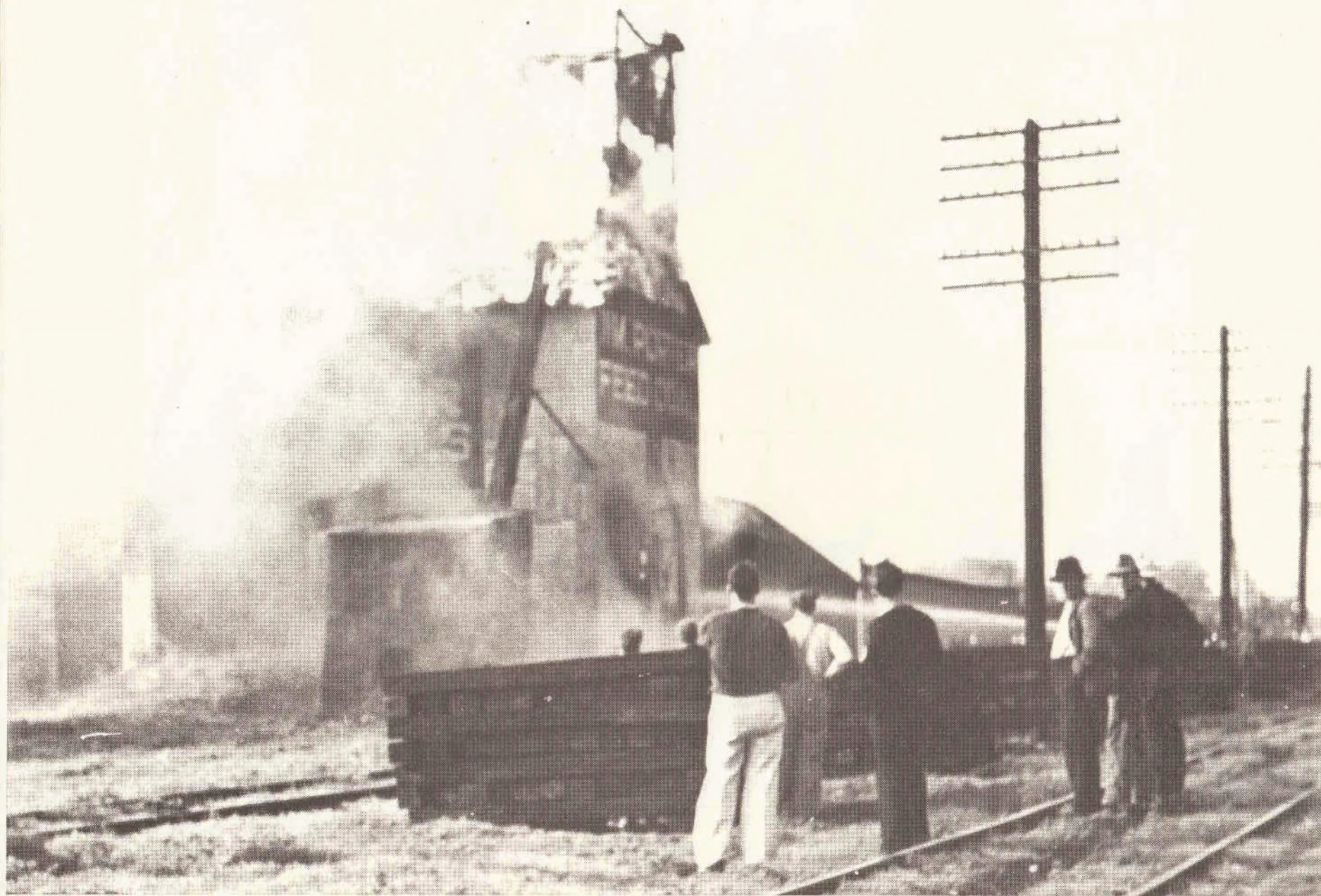


Gas was frequently sold 8 gallons for \$1.00 by John Mullady at Brilliant Bronze Gas Station, Feb. 1938.
N.E. Corner of Dixie Highway and Fourth Street.
—Hugh Butterfield Photo



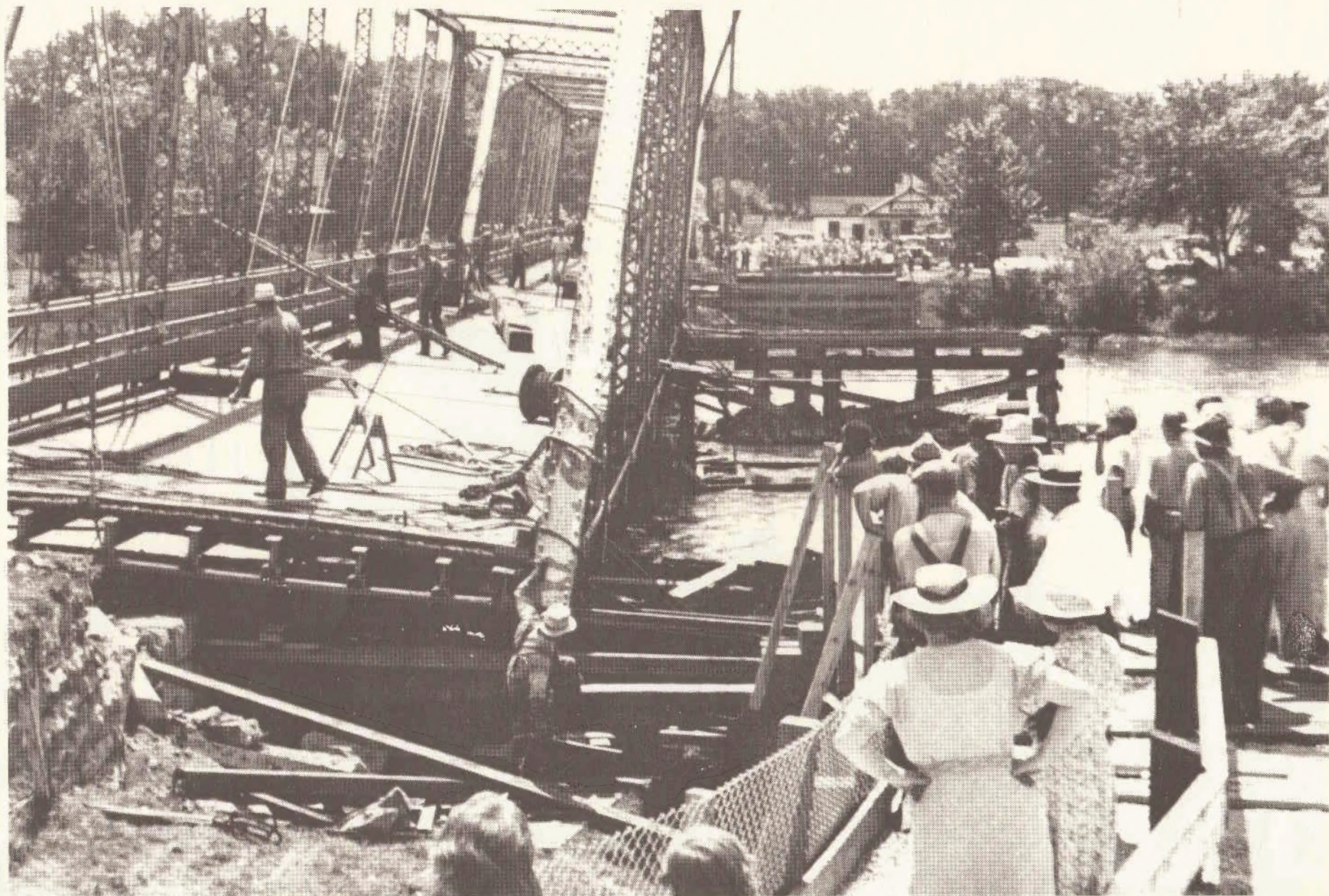
Lucile and Verne Cantway pore over charts at their airport (shown below) which operated from 1946-58 west of South Shore Golf Course. Both were active in Civil Air Patrol, and taught many local resident to fly. —Elvin Butterfield Photos





William Porter Elevator burns on south side, May 11, 1939.

—Hugh Butterfield Photo

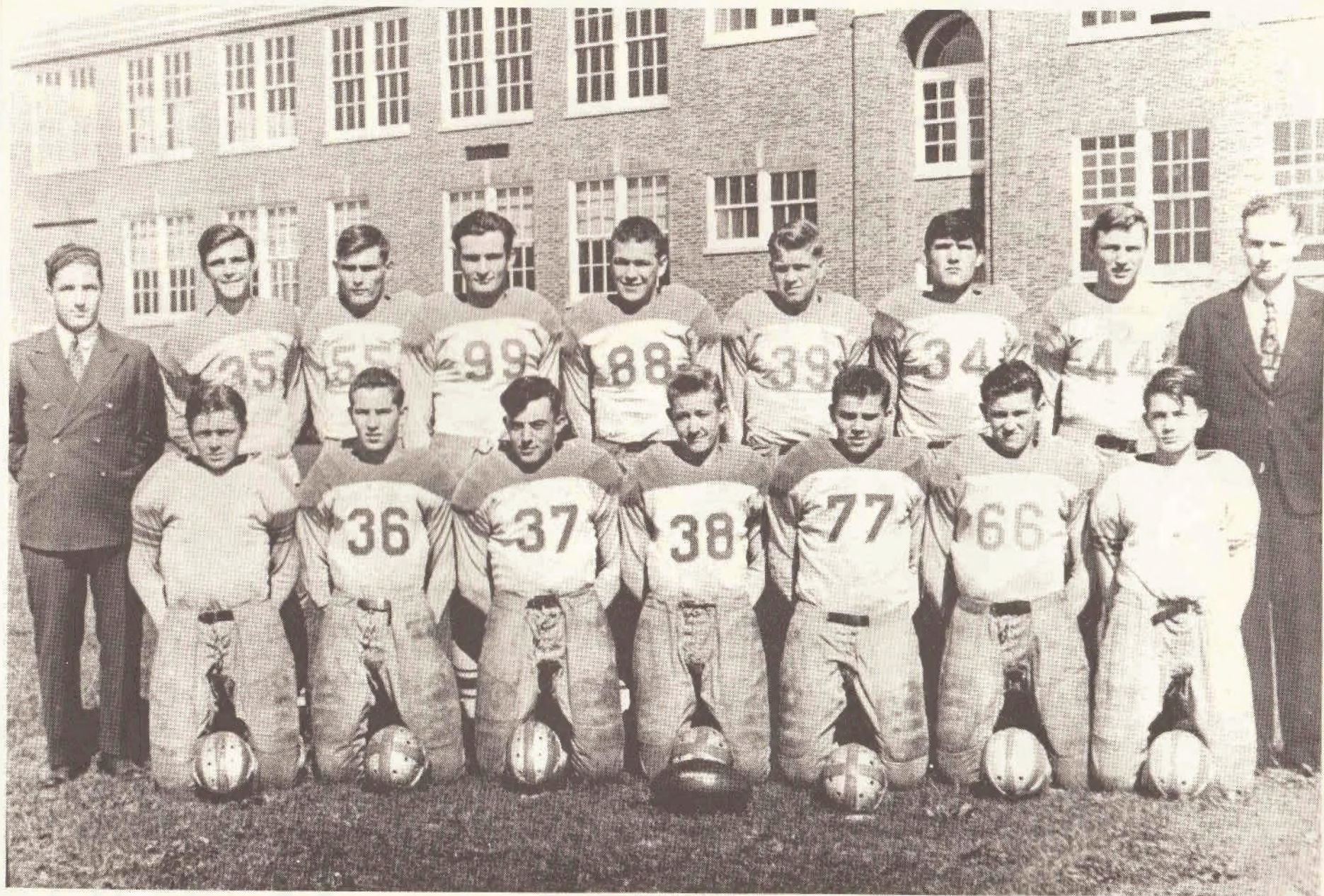


The year is 1938 and the old south bridge is being slid on greased rails to temporary piers, to permit construction of a new concrete and steel bridge. A large crowd of spectators gathered for the occasion. "Hoppy" Hanson's Johnson Gas Station is visible on the south side of the river.

—Hugh Butterfield Photo



Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland receive gladiolus from festival royalty Annabelle Blankestyn and Ruth Sharkey during a 1939 Gladiolus Festival promotional trip to Chicago. Glad growers and Momence residents voted separately for a grower's daughter and a Momence resident, the winner to be queen and second place to be an attendant. Both won equal trips to the 1939 New York World's Fair. Votes were awarded with purchases in Momence.



The 1941 Football Team. Left to right, top, Phil Hardy, George Stanfield, Virgil Raetz, Don Johnson, Bob Cecil, Junior Powell, Ben Seeley, John Ward, Marcel Hall; bottom, Red Peterson, Gib Baechler, Fred Balthazor, Harry Bukowski, Larry Beasley, Darell Bruck, Don Hart.

—Photo by Elvin Butterfield

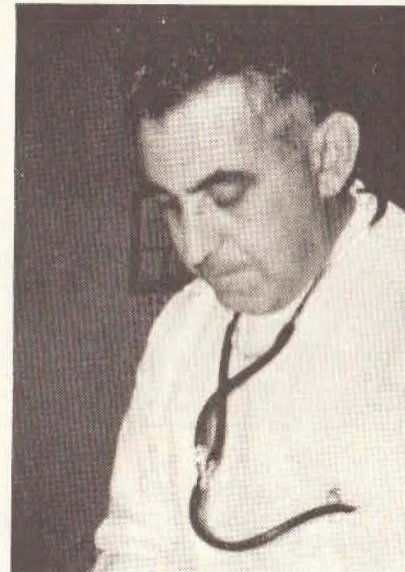
LOCAL CITIZENS OF NOTE



CHARLES THOMAS
A Ganeer Township Alderman
for many years



ELVIN BUTTERFIELD
Local photographer for many years



DR. BENJAMIN LIPNIK
A local physician after World War II



JOHN KESSLER
Sold Singer vacuum sweepers in late 30's



DR. CHARLES RUCH
A local physician



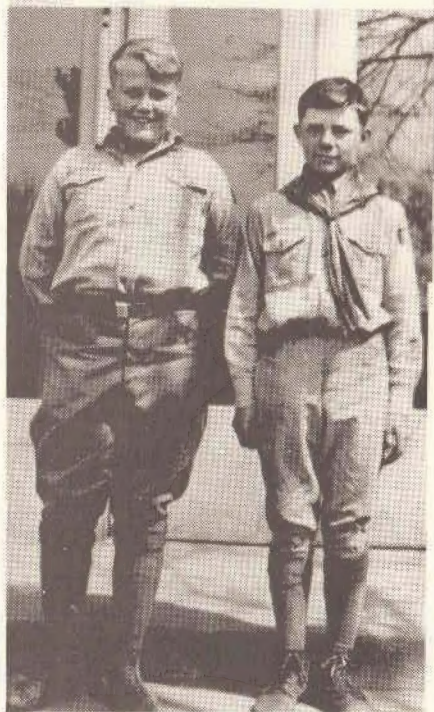
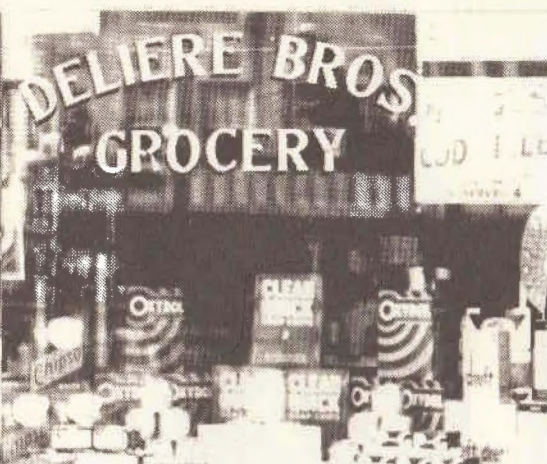
OSCAR MATHIEU
Operated an auto body shop on
River Street in 30's and 40's



BERT WILLIS with Raymond Kral
operated a 5 and 10 store on Washington
St., Elected County Superintendent of
Schools in 1938

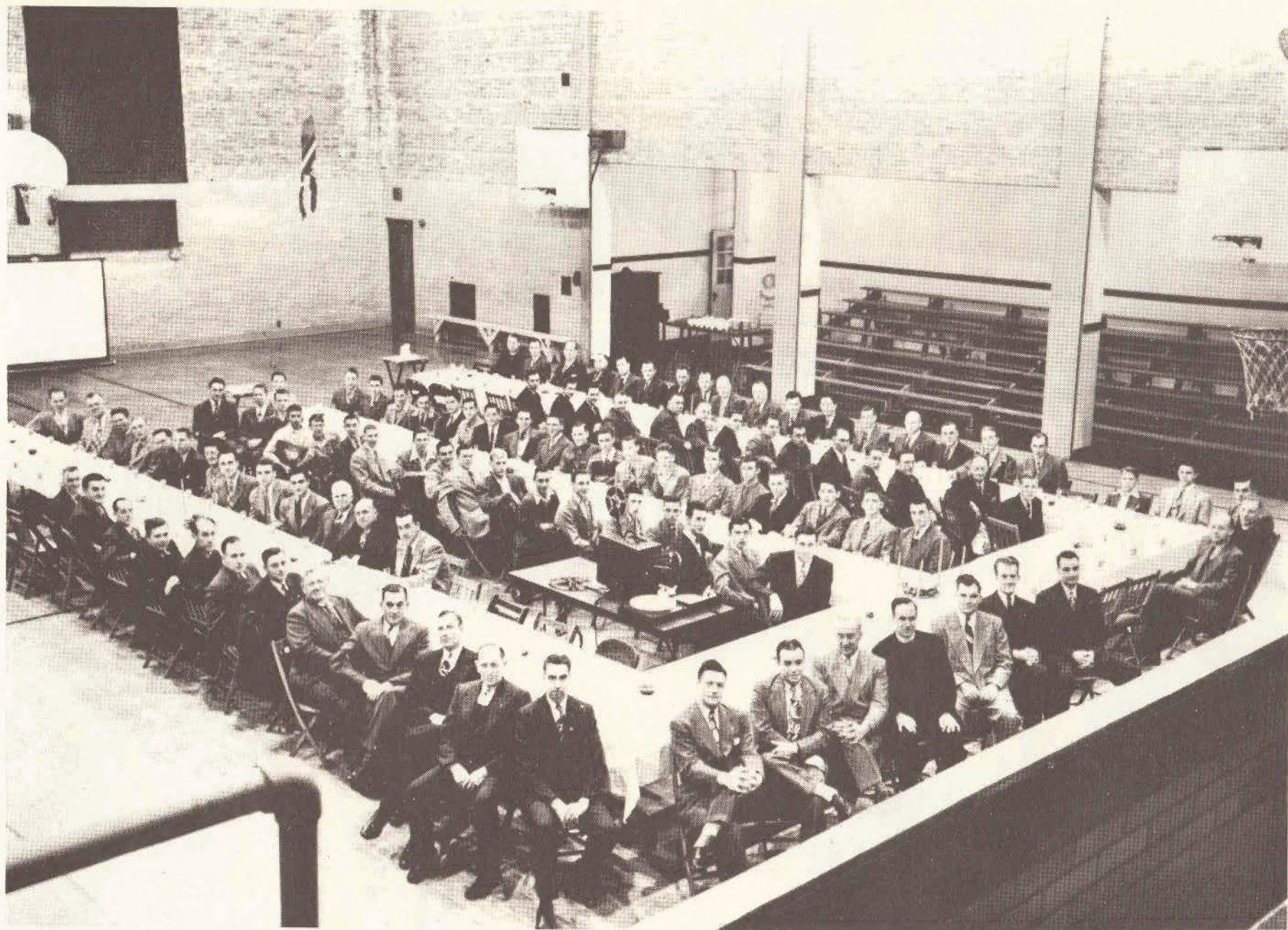


MAGDALENE CAMPBELL
A school teacher—later custodian
at Ganeer Town Hall



Left to right, top, John Johnson; Deliere Bros. Grocery window; Elmer and Howard Deliere, all with the grocery store; Albert Scatterday, a photographer prior to World War II; Boy Scouts Fred Madsen and Claude Snapp; the old Progress-Reporter building; Earl Reising; Richard Peterson, Robert Reising and Lester DuMontelle, Jr.; Evelyn Gilmore, now Mrs. Orville Sharkey.





1947 LIONS CLUB FOOTBALL DINNER
—Elvin Butterfield Photo



MOMENCE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM 1925

Top row: Irving Munson, Supt., Armen Blanke, Frank "Hides" Bishir, John Cole, Tommy Kelson, Ray Mullady, "Gib" Hamann, "Gook" Hart, George Kaylor, John Lively; middle row: Virgil "Bottle" Denton, Ed Murry, Tony Mazur, Merlin Felt, Marcell "Skinny" Hall, Floyd Storer, Milton "Pop" Sherwood, Bill Baker, Coach Marcus Moore; bottom row, Charles Munden, Thomas Ross, Clyde Verhines, Rusty Parks, unknown, unknown, Dick Baker.

In 1983 and 1984, the Momence Sesquicentennial Calendar Committee published the first calendars of this type. These proved to be very popular, both locally and through mail orders.

The calendar was too popular to let fade away, therefore a 1985 issue was offered as a joint venture by The Hoosegow and the Progress-Reporter Press. This also proved to be very popular, so another calendar is being issued for 1986.

This latest calendar is of the same format as the first three issues with old photographs, carefully selected from the files and Hugh and Elvin Butterfield and other private collections. The pictures were chosen first for historical interest, with photographic quality a close second. In most cases clarity has been improved by modern photocopy and printing methods.

We feel sure that you will enjoy this calendar, and that it will be something to treasure long after 1986 is over.

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The Momence Progress-Reporter, Inc.

Any special local events of 1986 are not known at the time of this printing. The Momence Progress-Reporter will announce these events in future issues of the weekly newspaper